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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

*Friends for Fun, Safety &
Knowledge*



TENNESSEE GWRRA



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District Directors

Dennis and Jan Peterson



Let me start this out by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our GWRRA friends especially everyone in the Tennessee District. I also want to say thank you for all the support and help you have given Jan and I this first seven months of our service to you. I know we have been gone a lot but with the team we have helping us that has not been a problem. When we took this office we thought it may hinder our travel that we love so much. It has not hurt us much. We do plan to be around much more next year than we were this year but that is by choice.

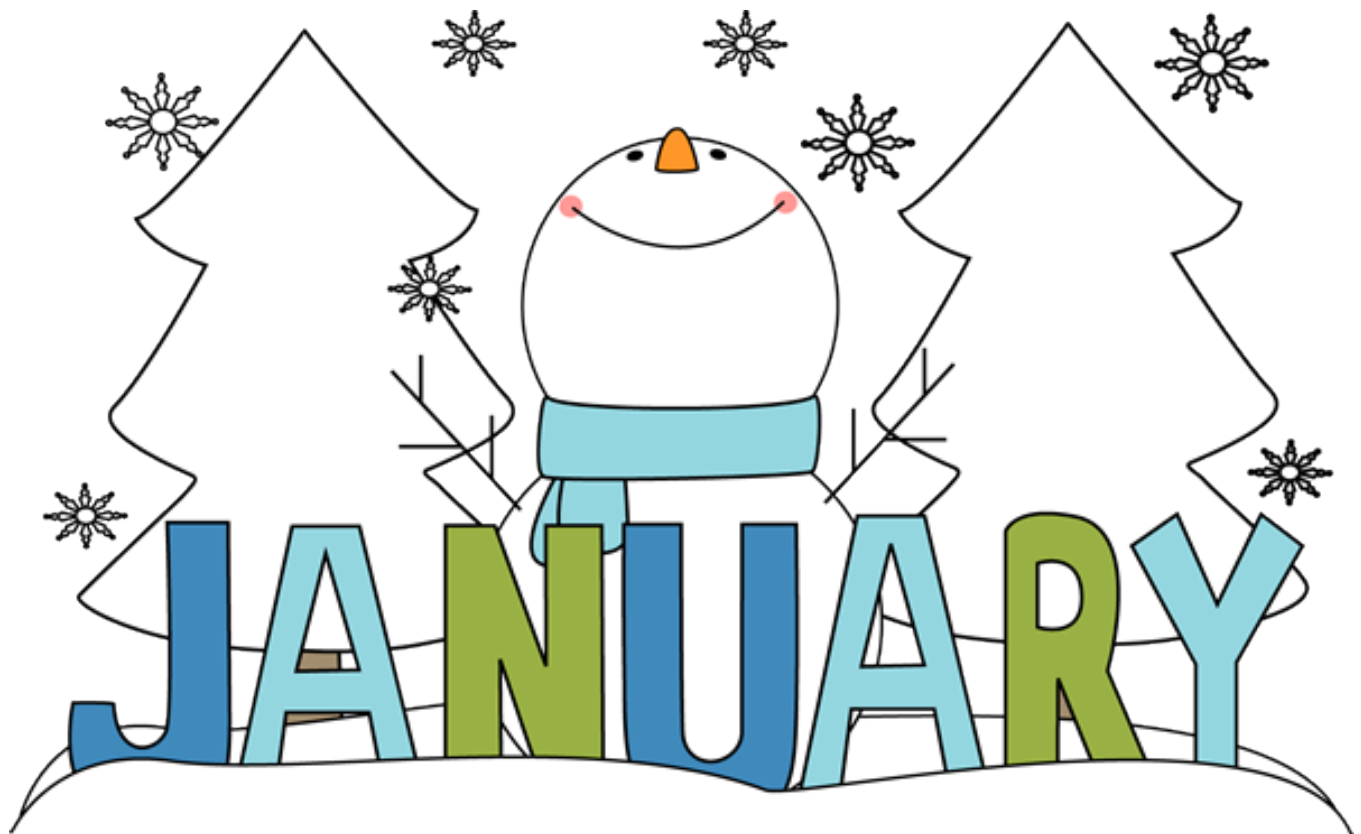
This is the time when all the chapters start to plan their upcoming riding season. When you look at things to do this next summer how about if you all look at adding some recruiting events. I have said this before and I will most likely say again, I believe the one big thing we are missing in the area of recruiting is people knowing who we are and how we function. So one thing we have to do is get out in the communities and let people know about us. Let them know we are not only about Gold Wings, we accept all makes of motorcycles. We are much more about our love of the sport of motorcycling than a particular brand of motorcycle. (All though we do love our Gold Wings) It is not what you ride it is how you ride it. We are about safety, training and family. I am talking about biological family and our GWRRA family. You may wonder how we get the communities to see us and see what we do. Well we have to get out there and do it. We can do things like attend a county fair set up a canopy and park our motorcycles around that will start a conversation with almost everyone. When we are at an event make sure you have safety information out on the table. If you can have a computer playing a video of some of our events even a slide show will work. You can also find a local charity to support and make sure the community knows what you are doing. I think one of the most important things we can push to the public is the fact that the whole family can be equal members in our association yes I mean Dad, Mom and the kids. There are not many motorcycle associations that can make that claim and I know

a lot of people are looking for that. They are also looking for a safe group to ride with. This we can demonstrate every time we get out as a group and ride.

Some chapters may think they are too small to get out and effectively recruit. Your option there may be to get with another chapter that is fairly close and combine forces. Please don't be afraid to work with other chapters, that is one way we can help each other survive.

I would also like to mention the upcoming Operations Meeting / Winter Event. This will be held at the James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center 945 Baddour Parkway, Lebanon TN 37087. This is normally for the chapter and district officers but anyone with an interest in learning more about how things work and why we do what we do in the association is welcome to attend. So chapter directors please make sure all of your team is in attendance to include your new couple of the year. We will talk about what we plan to do this coming riding season and we will be looking for some help from the chapters to accomplish some of our goals. Chapter Directors I would also appreciate a count of how many people will be attending the winter event. This will help us plan how much food and how many seats we will need. The district will furnish a light lunch.

Dennis & Jan Peterson
TN District Directors
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931-302-5283





Assistant District Director East TN

Richard and Connie Pendleton

We hope everyone had a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and hopefully 2020 will be awesome!!

As we start the new year 2020, lets do everything we can, to make this the best yet!! Lets all support our Chapters and also GWRRA. We can begin this journey with the East Tennessee ride to the Green Tomato on New Years Day. Also coming up soon is the OPS meeting and our Winter event. We hope everyone that can, please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship with fellow GOLDWINGERS. Also right around the corner is our annual SPRING FLING.

We hope everyone has a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Richard & Connie Pendleton
Assistant District Director





*Assistant District Director
Middle/West TN*

Vickie and Troy Hurt



Tom and Merrilee Peck

2019 TN District Couple of the Year



See you at the OPS Meeting

Event Coordinators



Happy Happy Happy New Year

What a great year we have had. We can't wait to make 2020 even better. Can you believe everything that happened in 2019? They almost found Bigfoot. The treasure on Oak Island is as close to being found as it ever has been. They almost found an old UFO in Egypt in one of the Pyramids. We could have been the next Publisher Clearing House winners, missed it by that much. If we had bought the right lottery ticket, we would have won. Just think, all these things almost happened in 2019. So, in 2020 we're going to keep watching those shows, buying those tickets and entering the contest. We were so close in 2019 I just can't believe it won't happen in 2020.

In case you are wondering what any of this has to do with GWRRA I'll tell you. Did you have fun with your Chapter this year? If you didn't, I'll bet you were close. You might have just missed it by that much. So, does that mean you just give up? No, you try harder, you search for those opportunities to have fun. You keep digging to find the treasure of fun and friendship. You spend a little money to attend rallies, dinner rides, chapter meetings, chapter rides and trips. I assure you that with a little effort on your part you can find all that fun, you can find all those friends, you can have the greatest year you have ever had. Why not start out at the District Ops meeting followed by the Winter Event. The theme is On The Road Again, I know you have fun riding your bike, what better way to ride than with other GWRRA members.

We hope you had a great Holiday season to finish out 2019. Start 2020 off the right way by making plans to participate with GWRRA as much as possible this year. Start today by making your plans to attend the Winter Event and Spring Fling. We look forward to seeing you there.

Max and Renee Thomas
Event Coordinators





District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPC)

Dennis and Anne Greer



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Anne and I had the entire family in for dinner. It's always great when the family gets together. You hear that all the time during our GWRRA Gatherings whether it is a Chapter event, a District Event, or at Wing Ding. So let me encourage each and every one of you to get out and visit more in 2020. It doesn't need to be a plaque attack. Just go visit another Chapter on your own, or ride with another Chapter, or join them for one of their special events like the Steak-Out. Meet more people, make more friends in-State and out-of-State. Who knows you might meet someone you haven't seen for years.

I hope all the CDs and Chapter MECs got the Dec ARL. I know some of you read last month's article because you contacted me. Let me remind you again, your feedback on the monthly ARL is due to me on or before the 5th of every month. If you haven't received an ARL by the 13th of each month contact me and let me know you did not receive it. Chapter MECs, I ask that you copy your CDs on your ARL report back to me. That way they will know if a guest may be at your next function.

I looked under the GWRRA Christmas tree hoping to find an updated Officers Handbook. But I guess I was on the naughty list and did not get one. So, 2019 Chapter Couples, Tom Peck should be contacting you, if he has not already, and encouraging you to get your resume ready for our 2020 District Couple Of the Year (COY) selection at Spring Fling. You will need to use the Oct 2018 Officers Handbook to prepare for that process. I published that link in last month's newsletter. Contact Tom and Merrilee Peck at (423) 907-9712 (tomkatpeck@msn.com) or Anne and I at (931) 728-1463 at email below.

Chapter Directors, I ask that you send Tom Peck and myself the names of your 2020 COYs and their picture. I know Tom has already contacted most of you.

Get that training done before the riding season so you will be ready when the riding season gets here.

Until next time, wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Dennis and Anne Greer
TN District MEPCs

Please correspond with me at:
TN.MEPC@gmail.com





TENNESSEE DISTRICT MFA CPR COORDINATORS

We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. Be sure to check your CPR cards and make sure that you are up to date. If you need a class this year please let us know ASAP so that we can get it on the calendar and get you the date that you want.

Please be safe as you celebrate while bringing in the year 2020!!!

Charlie and Pam Huffman,
Tennessee District Medic First Aid/ CPR Coordinators





Motorist Awareness Coordinator Bill and Debbie Archer

Happy New Year from District Motorist Awareness. Hope everybody is ready for a great 2020 and a lot of great riding. We will be calling the different Motorist Awareness people in each chapter so we can try to help in any way to promote Motorist Awareness . We also will be visiting each chapter and hope to see and meet all of our Chapter Motorist Awareness people. We should be able to bring you Motorist Awareness promotional items at that time. If there's anything we can do to help you guys feel free to call us 615-504-3068. Hopefully most of you will be at the OPs meeting and the Winter Event on February 8th, 2020. Be thinking about what your chapter can do this year for Motorist Awareness and if you have any events that you're going to try to do, please let us know. Thanks again and have a great New Year's.

See you soon.

Bill & Debb





Rider Educators



MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR DISTRICT EDUCATORS GARY AND PATTI HAMILTON

Happy New Year! So begins a new year of riding for our Goldwing friends may it be a safe and fun season for all of you. The winter months are a perfect time to get in some of our training to not only keep up our levels program but to hone our skills and help us be more prepared to handle emergencies. Winter is a great time to take classes and not interfere with our riding during warm weather. One class will be the Medic First Aid/CPR class. Charlie and Pam Huffman are our Medic First Aid Coordinators for Tennessee and they will be glad to set up a class for our chapters. One chapter can host it while the class is open to all our members. David and Karen Hill our District Trainers will be happy to schedule a GWRRA University Class for you. The Co-Rider class will be useful for those who do not participate in the 2 up rider course. There are many useful training classes in the GW University beside the co-rider class. Myself and Roger will work to set up the on bike training courses. We are trying to set up rider classes throughout the state. We are working to set up classes in the eastern part of the state, Maryville, Morristown, Kingsport, also in the western section possibly Jackson, and middle part of the state. Steve Thomas is working to set up a ARC and TRC class in Gallatin in April. We will look at Clarksville in middle summer along with class near Manchester.

We will provide each chapter with a list of who needs training at the OPS meeting.

We are working with Charlie and Pam to put together a Medic First Aid Instructor Class for those who may wish to become instructors.

We should have every thing put together by OPS meeting.

Ride safe and have fun. Remember All the Gear All the Time.

Gary & Patti





Assistant Rider Educators

Roger and Marie Crow



Another year is gone and a new year is coming. Here are some items to think about in 2020.

- H – *Hondas And***
- A – *Accessories Are***
- P – *Perfect***
- P – *Presents All***
- Y – *Year Long***

- N – *Not Everyone***
- E – *Enjoys The***
- W – *Winter Weather***

- Y – *Y'all***
- E – *Enjoy The***
- A – *Adventures of***
- R – *Riding In 2020***

We appreciate what all the members have achieved in 2019 and are looking forward to more and greater things in 2020.

Remember that the Operations (OPS) Meeting and Winter Event will be combined and held on Saturday February 8, 2020 in Lebanon, TN. Refer to Group Works and Tennessee District Web Page for additional information.



Roger & Marie



District Ride Coordinator - East

Bobby Cash

See you on New Year's Day at





District University Coordinators

David & Karen Hill



Education is one of the keys to riding safely without “close calls” that some riders seem to have more frequently than others.

There are many avenues for motorcycle education: one is, of course, the University Modules. At last count, there were 50 modules available. There are other avenues available too. As you well know, Google knows “everything” well, almost. There are several motorcycle safety websites, but as with any website, one needs to be careful. Some are very good, some are fiction. One of the problems is determining which sites are worth reading. Some that I have found and think to be good ones are:

1. **Mcrider.com** (www.mcrider.com) . On the home page of this site are two buttons in the middle: ‘Road Skills’ and ‘Road Strategy’. Clicking on the buttons brings up videos pertaining to those subjects. No longer does one have to go to youtube and search for appropriate videos. Kevin (i.e. mcrider) has done this for you. The best part is that this website and videos are free. Of course, you can become a member for a little as \$3.00 a month through Patreon but this is not required.
2. **Revzilla.com** (<https://www.revzilla.com>) publishes articles (Common Tread) about many things, many of which are reviews of different motorcycles models, but they also often include safety articles. To reach Common Tread directly, use the URL <https://www.revzilla.com/common-tread>.
3. **Motorcycle Tips & Techniques** (<https://www.msgroup.org>) is a site that has been around for a while but it has some pretty good safety tips. Definitely worth perusing.
4. While you are at it, check out **RideApart website** (<https://www.rideapart.com>). I have sometimes found some good safety articles on there

Meanwhile, ride safely and look out for distracted drivers – they seem to be everywhere.

David and Karen Hill

Tennessee District University Coordinators

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Tennessee Gold Wing Road Riders Association is proud to be a part of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). GWRRA is an international association for owners of Gold Wings and Valkyries, owners of other makes and models of motorcycles are welcome to join us as we continue to enjoy the pleasures of riding our motorcycles while sharing with our 'friends for fun, safety, and knowledge.' Join us!

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TN Chapter Gatherings
Meeting Day, Time, and Places
 (Please send corrections to pattihamilton@charter.net)

Chapter A

Last Tuesday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral
 315 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd., Hermitage, TN
 CD Troy & Vickie Hurt, 615-351-6629

Chapter B

1st Tuesday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Shoney's
 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN
 Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt 61-Museum Exit)
 Senior CD Tom Peck, 423-907-9712

Chapter C2

3rd Thursday
 Eat at 6:30 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Lacosta Restaurant,
 138 The Crossings Crossville TN
 CD Randy Ryan 985-201-3791

Chapter F

3rd Thursday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral
 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown, TN
 CD Bruce & Gayle Babcocke 865-344-7194

Chapter H

4th Saturday
 Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00am, Shoneys
 Hwy 96, Franklin, TN
 CD Will & Thu Horsley, (615) 483-2335

Chapter M

2nd Tuesday
 Eat at 6:00 pm / Meet at 7:00 pm
 550 Ft. Loudon Medical Ctr. Dr., Lenoir City, TN
 CD Brian & Loretta Richards, 865-249-6173

Chapter A2

3rd Monday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 6:30 pm, Shoney's
 1021 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN
 CD Bob Mack, 865-258-9872

Chapter C

3rd Tuesday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00pm, Mama's House
 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN
 Senior CD Richard & Connie Pendleton, 423-245-8484

Chapter E

2nd Saturday
 Eat 9:00 am/Meet 10:00
 Smyrna Bowling Center 95 Weakley Rd. Smyrna, TN
 CD Murray Dunkin 615-424-5739

Chapter G

3rd Thursday
 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Gondola
 412 E Carroll St., Tullahoma, TN
 CD Dennis & Anne Greer, 931-728-1463

Chapter L

1st Saturday
 Eat 11:00 am/Meet 12 noon, Painturo's Pizza
 522 W Main St, Lebanon, TN 37087
 Senior CD Andrew & Debbie Smith, 615-784-9772

Chapter N

1st Saturday
 Meet at 5:00 pm / Meet 6:00 pm Olympic Steak House
 5711 Hwy 412 South, Bells, TN 38006
 CD Jeff and Shari Douglas, 731-267-3388

Chapter O

1st Tuesday

Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral

350 Stuart Rd., NE Cleveland, TN

CD Shane McAmis & Amanda Cronan, 423-310-5903

Chapter S

3rd Saturday

Eat at 1:00 pm/Meet at 2:00 pm,

My Time Café, 100 Main St., Portland, TN

CD Grant and Carol Bottomley, 615 - 337 -8386

Chapter V

2nd Saturday

Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am, So. Honda

1394 Workman Rd., Chattanooga, TN

CD Wes Billings 423-593-8106

Chapter Y

3rd Saturday

Eat at 9:00 am / Meet at 10:00 am, Trinity United
Methodist Church 2303 Jones Blvd Murfreesboro, TN

CD Wesley and Cindy Neal, 615-668-4448

Chapter Q

Last Monday

Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral

22811 Wilma Rudolph Blvd , Clarksville, TN

CD Cindy Bidwell, 731-642-0415

Chapter T

4th Saturday

Eat at 9 am and meet at 10 am

Golden Corral 6612 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37912

CD Lee Ann and Wilburn Hayes, 865-497-2945

Chapter W2

3rd Saturday

Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm, Perkins Restaurant

1340 S. Germantown Pkwy, Memphis, TN

CD Ivan & Leesa Coburn, 870-514-8622

Chapter Z

2nd Saturday

Eat at 5:30 pm/Meet at 6:30 pm, Shoneys,

2225 Carmack Blvd., Columbia, TN

CD Charlie & Pam Huffman, 931-215-1650

Be sure to check the District Website (www.gwrratn.org) for any gathering changes.



Tennessee District Calendar 2020

	January
1	District New Year Day Ride to Green Tomato , Mooresburg TN. Each Chapters will plan their own ride to meet at the Green Tomato between noon and 1 pm for food and fellowship. Come by 2, 3 or 4 wheels.
18	Chapter E 2020 Casino Trip to Harrah's in Metropolis, IL The cost is \$10.00 per person, for that you will receive the bus ride to the casino and a dinner buffet, the buffet is valued at \$20.00. Need the \$10.00 by January 5th or at least a commitment that you are going and you can pay when we board the bus or any time before the 18th. Contact Randy Galloway, 615-289-0134 cell or 615-893-0556 home
	February
8	Operations Meeting and Winter Event at the James Ward Center in Lebanon TN
	March
19-21	Florida District Rally - 41st Annual Florida District Gathering of the Wings <i>Hilton Hotel and Resort, Altamonte Springs Florida</i>
	April
30 & May 1 & 2	Tennessee District Spring Fling 38th Annual Tennessee District "Spring Fling" - Hillbilly Hoe Down. Pigeon Forge, TN.
	October
1-3	Alabama District Rally, Monster Mash LakePoint Lodge Eufaula Alabama



HOST HOTEL

Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge and Convention Center

4010 Parkway

For Reservations Call 865-453-1823 or

Rates Start at \$88.00 / night Wed thru Sat.

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.

This is the Host Hotel and the location

for the vendors and all activities to include

the Talent Show and Closing

Additional Host Hotels

The following hotels are each part of

SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS

Reservations for any one of them can be made by calling

their reservation center at 1-800-523-3919.

COUNTRY CASCADES

204 Sharon Drive

Rates starting at \$95.00 per night

CREEKSTONE INN

4034 River Road S.

Rates starting at \$88.00 per night

Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.



38th Annual



Tennessee District

“Spring Fling”

April 30 May 1&2, 2020

Pigeon Forge, TN

Hillbilly Hoe Down



Registration Please Print Clearly

Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Co-Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Distance to Rally (one way) _____

Liability Release

All Registrants Must Sign
 We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization,
 and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by
 any reason by participating in this rally.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*Must be pre-registered for Master's Breakfast tickets will not be sold on-site.
 ** 1 Grand Prize ticket included with Pre-Registration.
 Day pass will be available on site for \$55.00 Per Day.
 Note: All refunds are subject to \$15 handling fee. No refunds after April 15,
 2020, without the District Director's approval.

➡ **Early Bird Deadline March 2, 2020** ⬅
 Early Bird prize is \$100.00 by DRAWING
 First Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 second Grand Prize is \$500.00
 All Pre-registration forms must be received by
April 1, 2020

All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after April 10, 2020

GWRRA Members \$30 X _____ = \$ _____
 Life Members \$25 X _____ = \$ _____
 Non-Members \$35 X _____ = \$ _____
 13-15 Year Olds \$10 X _____ = \$ _____
 12 Years Old and under FREE with a paying Adult
 Master's Breakfast* \$15 X _____ = \$ _____
 Grand Prize Tickets** \$1 ea or 6 for \$5.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Registration total \$ _____

Shirt Orders

SS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19

Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

LS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$25

Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

SS Golf S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29

Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

After closing Dinner Show \$39.50 X _____ = \$ _____

Soul of Motown
The Grand Majestic Theater
 2330 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN
 The show is after Closing Saturday 8:15 PM. There will be an all you can eat buffet
 before the show at 7:15 PM. Cost is \$39.50 per person.
 you must pre-register on this registration. Tickets will be in your packets.

Grand Total \$ _____
 Please make payment to TN GWRRA
 Mail Entire Page with Check or Money Order (no cash) to:
 Bob Mack
 1470 River Road
 Kingston, TN 37763